## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.: 2001\_1701A

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Title: OPTICAL DISC APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR READING INFORMATION

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